

Rural District Council.

Weymouth.

February 6<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Gentlemen,

I beg to lay before you my report for the year 1902.

The area of the district is 30,521 acres and the population 7884.

The number of births is 189 at the rate of 23.9 per thousand.

The number of deaths is 101 at the rate of 13 per thousand.

We have 9 deaths from Zymotic disease, but 4 of these are outsiders who died in the Port Sanitary Hospital leaving 5 to be accounted for - 3 are from Scarlet Fever belonging to Wyke which place was most effected by the epidemic - one severe case of Diphtheria at Langton and the last a case of Erysipelas which on enquiry hardly deserved to be notified under this head.

The Zymotic death rate works out at 0.6 per thousand.

Infant Mortality - 15 children died under 1 year - giving a rate per 1,000 births registered of 79.3.

There have been 69 cases of Scarlet Fever in the district, a considerable number of them at Wyke Regis during the first six months of the year - and of a mild type. 81 cases of infectious disease were notified. Visiting and disinfecting these has given



your Inspector and myself a great deal of extra work.

Water Supply. At Langton Herring which has suffered from scarcity in dry seasons a new Well with pumps - reservoir and main has been constructed which promises to satisfy requirements.

Bincombe, which has been mentioned in previous reports, has received much of your consideration this year; it cannot be considered satisfactory although the owners have gone to some expense and labour in endeavouring to improve matters. Seven samples of the Wells have been analysed and all these have shown more or less organic impurity.

At Stratney Street Upwey - pipes are laid from the Portland main for the supply of 11 houses - which were mentioned in my report of last year.

At Lane House, Wyke Regis; a dairy house and cottages here have been properly supplied from the main and altogether good work has been done in this department.

The Wyke Regis Drainage is slowly creeping forward.

Some good class houses have lately been built at Broadway & Upwey - well supplied with good water. They have W.C.s and cess pits to receive the drainage - in many parts of the district the pail and



dry earth system are in use.  
Isolation Hospital.

The case of small pox at Upwey in January was a mild one of the modified type. The family of three were vaccinated and confined to the house for a month, provisions being taken to them. and thanks perhaps to efficient vaccination amongst the neighbours it did not spread but led to the erection of a temporary Hospital at Cold Harbour. which is now being fitted up for the reception of infectious cases in the district.

Formalin lamps are used for disinfection and carbolic acid is freely supplied when required, and after fumigation, rooms have in all cases been cleansed and white washed.

Housing of the working classes.

No case of insanitary dwellings or overcrowding have come to my notice.

Slaughter Houses and Bake-houses have been inspected by your Inspector and myself and found generally satisfactory.

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully

William Hawkins.

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To the Weymouth Rural Sanitary Council.



